

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 658

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James E. Porter.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of James E. Porter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, James Porter was born on August 22, 1930, to the Reverend A.W. and Helen Porter; and

WHEREAS, he served with valor and distinction as a member of the United States Army from 1953 until 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter served astutely with his brother, Jack, as the owner and operator of the Akin & Porter Produce Company; and

WHEREAS, James Porter also served as a member of the Weakley County Commission in the 1970s, as the Director and Chairman of the Board of First State Bank, and as a Director of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Bethel Baptist Church, which he served as a deacon and a teacher of the adult men's Sunday school class; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, James Porter was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Chester, Ray, George, and Gene Porter; and two sisters, Marie Scholes and Helen Bryant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Stout Porter; his children, Jamie Porter Prince and her husband, Mark, and Joe Porter; five grandchildren and

their spouses, Candice and Ty Finney, Brock and Lanae Porter, Andrew and Candace Porter, Kasey Prince, and Clay Prince; six great-grandchildren; and his brother, Jack Porter; and

WHEREAS, James Porter leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James E. Porter, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Porter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.